

## DOMESTIC DEMAND FELT IN COUNTRY'S MARKETS

Orders From Foreign Sources Gradually Being Displaced by Needs of United States.

### MEANS PERMANENT PROSPERITY

Present Trend More Along Line of Conservatism, Which Bankers and Business Leaders Have Been Urging—Reserve Board Report.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 1.—The monthly summary of business prepared by the Federal Reserve Board to-day from reports from the agents of the twelve Federal reserve districts shows domestic demand gradually taking the place of foreign orders.

"The present trend of business is more along the line of conservatism which bankers and business men have been urging," the summary states, "it tends to a more permanent prosperity. The pressure to place new orders and to stock up heavily, which was so prevalent a month or two ago, is disappearing."

"The general business outlook is satisfactory. Crops are better than average in most districts, and the labor situation is satisfactory everywhere, except in New York, where the garment workers are on strike, and San Francisco, where strikes continue on the water front."

**BUSINESS CONDITIONS**  
DISTURBED BY STORMS

Atlanta reports business conditions considerably disturbed as a result of the recent tropical storm. Cotton and corn crops suffered heavily, but the indications are more favorable for citrus fruits. Jobbers and wholesalers report light orders because of the storm. The iron and steel markets show little change.

Richmond says it is difficult to prepare a correct report on conditions in that district, because of the demoralization of train and mail service by the great storm which swept that section on July 15, causing the deaths of seventy persons and destroying millions of dollars' worth of property. Summer dullness is said to have taken the edge off business, and crops suffered severely from the storm.

In the Dallas district the grain crop is said to have been saved practically without damage, although the yield of corn will not be as heavy as was promised. Boll weevils have appeared practically everywhere, but except in a few sections have done no serious damage to cotton. "It is gathered from many sources," says the report, "that there is feeling the usual summer depression."

Boston reports that business in almost all lines continues good, while New York notes little or no change in the industrial situation. Statistics show large increases in imports and exports, but bank clearings, higher railroad earnings and postal receipts, more new corporations, great activity in building and fewer failures.

### GENERAL OUTLOOK

**REGARDING ENCOURAGING**  
"Business continues very good, and the general outlook encouraging," says the Philadelphia report.

Cleveland also reports business steady.

From Chicago general satisfactory business conditions are reported.

St. Louis says: "Business interests throughout this district report an active trade equal to, if not exceeding, that of the past few months. The outlook seems to be entirely favorable."

Minneapolis reports crop conditions good, with a notable improvement in corn prospects.

The Kansas City district has had a fine harvest. General trade conditions are reported reassuring.

San Francisco reports the financial, commerce and industrial outlook as favorable.

### CONTRACTS ARE AWARDED

**Williamsburg Makes Plans to Install Water and Sewerage System.**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WILLIAMSBURG, Va., August 1.—The Williamsburg City Council, at an adjourned meeting, held last night, awarded the contract for installing a water system to the Noland-Clifford Co. of Newport News, its bid being \$132,000. The contract for sewerage was awarded to Winsor & Decker of Richmond, at \$10,175. Both plants will be modern in every particular, but neither water nor sewerage will cover the entire city. Extensions will be made as the money in hand will allow, a total of \$275,000 having been voted for that purpose.

The proposed water and sewerage systems will connect with the plant at the Eastern State Hospital, a contract having been made with the board of visitors, under special act of the Legislature, to supply the water necessary.

The City Council now is preparing to offer the bonds for sale. They will bear 5 per cent interest and run thirty years. Work on the water and sewerage plants will begin at once and be completed in the fall.

### RAILROADS' USE OF COAL

Last Year Their Consumption Amounts to 24 Per Cent of Total Production.

WASHINGTON, August 1.—Railroads in the United States last year used 24 per cent of the country's total coal production. Figures compiled by the Geological Survey show that 128,266,000 tons went that way, 122,000,000 bituminous and 6,266,000 anthracite. Roads in the Eastern district burned 62,700,000 tons, Western district 42,500,000, and Southern district 22,000,000.

### DROWNED IN SMITH RIVER

Real Estate Broker of Washington Meets Death While Swimming.

BASSETT, VA., August 1.—T. P. Light, twenty-five years old, a real estate broker of Washington, D. C., was drowned while swimming in Smith River, near here, yesterday. Light's brother, who was with him, was prevented from going to the rescue by the drowned man by another companion, who feared the brother would also drown.

The body of the Washington man was recovered.

## Comment of Press of Hughes's Keynote

What the Metropolitan Dailies Think of Republican Candidate's Acceptance Address.

### New York World.

Mr. Hughes's speech of acceptance is the public confession of a candidate who is without an issue and without a policy. Half of it is devoted to an attack upon the foreign policy of President Wilson, but Mr. Hughes does not say what he would have done that Mr. Wilson left undone, or what he would have left undone that Mr. Wilson did. Mr. Hughes has spoken, and his speech is an unanswerable argument for the re-election of President Wilson.

### New York Tribune.

One clear note runs through the whole of Mr. Hughes's speech of acceptance. It is a challenge of incapacity and indecision of President Wilson. Mr. Wilson can expect nothing from the country but a fair judgment on his own record. That is all the Republican party, through its candidate, now asks. Long as it is, Mr. Hughes's indictment is the one thing which the administration cannot successfully meet. For to meet it is to open wider than even to public view all that melancholy record of ineptitude, which, as Mr. Hughes rightly says, cannot be examined without the profoundest sense of humiliation.

### Philadelphia Ledger.

The speech of acceptance of the Republican candidate for the presidency took the form of a scathing arraignment of the course of President Wilson during the last three years and a half. And, as was inevitable under the circumstances, the greater portion of the attack was directed against the President's mismanagement of the nation's foreign relations at every stage. Yet the criticism, unsparring as it was, was made in a spirit of candor and fairness. Nowhere did he name the men whose policies and actions he so definitely condemned; but he left no room for doubt as to his meaning, and he cited books, chapters and date for every point in the indictment.

### New York Herald.

The Republican nominee made a great hit when he attacked Mr. Wilson for appointing Mr. Bryan Secretary of State, using that important office as a political football, but he would have made a greater one if he had said that he would appoint to a cabinet place a heroic, self-confident figure in blue that stood in the gallery, the idol of the young, the same being Mr. Roosevelt. Mr. Hughes's speech was well received. He talked considerable common sense.

### Philadelphia Inquirer.

It is a most excellent start that he has made. He faces every issue squarely and with no attempt at evasion. He puts himself firmly upon a made-in-the-United States platform. To the core he is an American, believing in his country—a country loved by its citizens with a patriotic fervor permitting no division in their allegiance and no rival in their affection. In a word, he stands for "America first and America efficient." The review of the record of the administration amounts to an exposure, to a story of folly; to an arraignment of indignity. This review the administration will find difficult in meeting when face to face with the voters.

### New York Sun.

The speech of Mr. Hughes accepting the nomination leaves no doubt as to where he stands with regard to any essential issue. An utterance so strong and honest, so free from the consciousness of phraseology, so void of the pettiness of evasion and artful dilution, has seldom been heard when a candidate for President agreed to pronounce his creed.

### Washington Star.

We live in a fearful hour. In a true sense the contest for the preservation of the nation is never ended. We must still be imbued with the spirit of heroic sacrifice which gave us our country and brought us safely through the days of civil war. We renew our pledge to the ancient ideals of individual liberty, of opportunity denied to none because of race or creed, of unswerving loyalty. We have a vision of America prepared and secure, strong and just; equal to her tasks; an exemplar of the capacity and efficiency of a free people.

### Baltimore American.

The indications given by the Democratic President and party by the Republican nominee are those of a judicial temper. Mr. Hughes does not indict wounds simply for the sake of creating pain. The tone of the speech of Mr. Hughes reveals the fact that he has fully grasped and profoundly appreciates the unique responsibilities that will weigh upon the incumbent of the White House during the next four years.

### Washington Times.

Mr. Hughes's acceptance speech has been looked to for a campaign keynote, and it is not disappointing. He analyzes the proceedings of the present administration, in dealing with Mexico, in a manner that must make that issue the foremost one in determining the national judgment on the claims of the two parties. For such a statement as he has presented, it may well be doubted if any other man in the country was so well fitted as Mr. Hughes.

### Downing and Keezell Quit

Have Decided Not to Make Race for Congress in the Seventh District.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., August 1.—Virginia Democratic leaders in Washington today received information from the Seventh District that State Senator Downing and Congressman George B. Keezell, of Roanoke, have decided not to make the race for Congress. Downing, it is stated, will support Judge Harrison, of Winchester, and Keezell will back Senator N. B. Early, of Greene.

### Reports Robbery.

W. C. Garlick, of 609 Hawthorne Avenue, Ginter Park, reported to the police last night that he had been robbed of a diamond ring and that it had been missing since 6 o'clock.

## FULL RE-ESTABLISHMENT, DEMAND OF SOCIALISTS

They Will Insist on Complete Restoration of Belgium and Poland at End of War.

### FEDERATION FOR BALKANS

Subject of Alsace-Lorraine Left Untouched, Because of Its Thorny Character—International Conference Is Opened at The Hague.

LONDON, August 1.—The complete re-establishment of the independence of Belgium and Poland and a democratic Federal union of the Balkan States, were unanimously agreed upon at the opening of the international Socialist conference at The Hague yesterday, according to a report received here.

Pieter Jelles Tielstra, head of the Dutch delegation, who delivered the principal address, said that national differences among the belligerent Socialists were still too strong for united Socialist action. He urged all Socialists speedily to realize the tasks confronting them, and to see that the development of socialist tendencies produced by the war was not used for the strengthening of absolutism and bureaucracy. The Swedish delegate, Brautast, warned against the exaggeration of disarmament, but advocated a reduction in military burdens.

The question of Belgian independence was raised when a letter was read from Emile Vandervelde, the Belgian Minister of Munitions. Minister Vandervelde, who is one of the leaders of the Socialist party in Belgium, insisted that the conference should declare itself unreservedly for the restoration of his native land. There was no opposition, but it was decided not to deal with the thorny question of Alsace-Lorraine.

### REVIEWS EFFECTS OF WAR

#### ON AMERICAN SOCIALISTS

Algernon Lee, the American representative and Socialist candidate for the governorship of New York, reviewed the effect of the war on Socialist organizations in America. He said that during the first year the influence was very depressing, people being more or less thrown off their balance, but that they have thoroughly recovered now. Mr. Lee said that though a small Socialist wing in America is pro-German, and perhaps a somewhat larger section definitely anti-German, the great bulk of the party thought it would be best if neither side was crushing the other.

The American delegate said that the United States had its own problem in a very strong militarist movement which had grown up there. While the advocates of a bigger army and navy always talked of national defense, the Socialists, he said, felt it really meant a tendency of American capital to get the power to exploit Mexico and South America. National Socialists, but trade-unionists and pacifists were extremely active in combating this, and he believed the antimilitarist movement had become stronger and clearer.

Regarding the American proposal to call a conference of the whole Socialist international, Mr. Lee said that the American Socialists felt that perhaps their European comrades were better informed and that he was inclined to take their opinion as to whether the time was ripe. He added that he believed such a conference should be held as soon as possible. After the conference had adjourned Mr. Lee said that the delegates were united on the ground that the war should not result in either annexations or indemnities.

### HUGHES TAKES STAND FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE

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which affects the whole country—the composition of our electorate; and, therefore, I believe that the Federal amendment should be submitted and should be ratified."

As Mr. Hughes was leaving the meeting he was spoken to by Mrs. William Forster Scott, an antisuffrage leader. "I am sorry, Mr. Hughes—very sorry, that a man of your sincerity should support the Federal amendment for women's suffrage," said Mrs. Scott. "You, sir, will have four generations of sin against you."

"I am sorry, madam, that we disagree," replied the nominee.

Mr. Hughes expects to leave New York to-morrow afternoon for his summer home at Bridgehampton, where he will remain until Saturday, when he will start on his trip to the Pacific Coast.

### SUFFRAGIST LEADERS CONFER WITH WILSON

WASHINGTON, August 1.—Soon after the news that Charles E. Hughes, the Republican presidential nominee, had come out for a Federal woman suffrage amendment, reached Washington, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president, and Mrs. Frank M. Roosevelt, vice-president of the National Woman Suffrage Association, conferred with President Wilson and again urged him to change his announced determination to leave the issue to the States.

The engagement with the President was made several days ago. When the women came from the conference they said the President never had closed his mind against the advisability of supporting a suffrage amendment, and they expected the President would make his decision known before the convention of the National Woman Suffrage Association at Atlantic City in September.

Both of the President's callers declared that their organization's campaign policy as between the two parties would be decided upon at Atlantic City.

At the headquarters of the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage, statements were issued predicting that

## At the Movies To-Day

COLONIAL—Antia Stewart, in "The Ring of Diana." ODEON—An International Marriage, with Rita Jolivet and Billie Russell. "The Hunted Woman," and the second episode of "The Grip of Evil." LUX—Arthur Hoops, in "The Danger Signal." REX—Edward Coxen, in "Out of the Rain-Clouds." VICTOR—Mysteries of Myra, and scenes of the explosion of Black Tom Island.

the women voters of the West would unite in Mr. Hughes's support.

### SAYS STAND IS TRIBUTE TO "SENSE OF JUSTICE"

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO., August 1.—Contrasting the declaration of Charles E. Hughes to-day for a constitutional amendment permitting women to vote with the attitude of President Wilson, a statement issued by the National Women's Party, declared Mr. Hughes's declaration a tribute to "his sense of justice, his power as a party leader and his political insight."

### RECRUITS TO GO FORWARD

First Detachment Will Leave Camp Stuart for Texas Border To-Day.

Virginia's first contingent of recruits for the regiments on the border will depart to-day from Camp Stuart. Twenty-five men, mustered into the Federal service, and fully equipped for active campaigning or watchful waiting along the Rio Grande, will start on the long journey for Brownsville within the next few hours.

Officers of the recruiting details scattered over the State ten days ago last night, from tide, have shown the very creditable and definite results achieved. Adventurous spirits in many places, it seems, are seizing the opportunity to get immediate service with the troops in Texas, and are stepping forward into the ranks. Plans to bring State organizations up to full war strength. Eleven recruits came into camp yesterday, and will leave with the others to-day.

### CHESTERFIELD CITIZENS WANT VOTE ON COURTHOUSE

Petition Supervisors to Test Removal Sentiment Before Spending Large Sum on Repairs.

Because of the divided opinion concerning the contemplated removal of the courthouse, fifty citizens of Chesterfield County, at a mass-meeting held last night at the hotel, unanimously decided that the best solution was to hold a special election in order that the voters may pass on the question. Accordingly, a resolution was adopted directing the Board of Supervisors to secure the desired number of signatures to call the election. Under the law the petition must be signed by one-third of the qualified voters of the county, one-half of whom must be freeholders.

The following committee was appointed to circulate the petitions: J. S. Gray, chairman; W. H. Eanes, G. W. Tucker, A. L. Fetterolf and A. C. Buchanan.

H. D. Elchberger was named as chairman of a committee to handle the finances incident to carrying out the plan. The meeting was called by taxpayers when it was learned that the Board of Supervisors intended to spend a sum of \$15,000, for which there was no other need, on remodeling the present courthouse building. It was the original idea that resolutions be adopted requesting that this money be spent for school and other improvements, but, after lengthy debate, it was thought that the best course to pursue would be to give the voters of Chesterfield a chance to express their wish whether to allow the courthouse to remain at its present site or to remove it to some other locality, nearer the center of population. More than fifty taxpayers took part in the meeting.

### FOR BETTER ROAD

Louisiana Citizens Seek Aid Here in Raising Fund for Repair Work.

J. H. Gwathmey, J. A. Kent, George V. Cameron, J. F. Bickers, I. S. Pennington and E. T. Terrell, of Louisiana County, came to Richmond yesterday as a committee from Louisiana citizens to solicit funds for the building of seven and a half miles highway from Louisiana Courthouse to Cuckoo, on the main road between Richmond and the Valley.

The people of Louisiana have long felt the need of an improved highway, and among themselves have raised \$510. They have employed a man to begin work. A committee from Louisiana will appear before the Richmond Automobile Club on August 21, and it is confidently expected that the automobile interests of Richmond will co-operate with those of Louisiana. Several Richmond contributions toward the fund have already been made.

### SAY HORNE IS RESPONSIBLE

Allenists Report in Case of Murderer for Whom Clemency Is Sought.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
RALEIGH, N. C., August 1.—That Melvin Horne is responsible for his acts is the finding of the special commission of allenists appointed by Governor Craig to examine the prisoner as to his sanity, pending action as to executive clemency. Horne is under sentence to die in the electric chair on Friday of this week for killing his brother-in-law and former business associate in Wilmington, where he is a member of a well-known family.

A number of the prison officials are anxious to see the petition for executive clemency for Horne, who insists that he is sane, but that the killing was done under great provocation and in the midst of terrible mental strain. The report of the commission of allenists leaves the petition for commutation pending, and Governor Craig said to-night he would dispose of that in the next day or two.

## POLICE QUARANTINE SOUTH RICHMOND HOME

Child of Theodore Shafer, Suffering With Scarlet Fever, Found Playing in Street.

Called to attend a case in another flat in the same building, Dr. B. E. Summers, of the City Health Department, yesterday morning discovered that a child of Theodore Shafer, living in the first-floor flat at 1210 McDonough Street, South Richmond, was suffering with a case of scarlet fever. The house was playing in the street, and Dr. Summers, knowing well the danger of contagion and infection, immediately told Mr. Shafer that the child should be brought in and kept in the house, so that others might not be exposed to the danger.

Mr. Shafer, it is stated, declared that he would not call the child in the house for Dr. Summers or any one else. Dr. Summers reported the matter to Chief Health Officer Levy, who immediately took steps to place the house under quarantine. Shafer, it is said, stated that he would leave the house this morning to go to his work. Dr. Levy then notified the police, and an officer will be stationed in front of the house early this morning, with instructions to arrest Shafer if he attempts to leave his premises or any one who shall attempt to enter. An effective quarantine around the house was placed by the police last night.

## POLICE HAVE EVIDENCE AGAINST CONSPIRATORS

Claim Made That Men Accused of Bomb Explosion in Prison Will Be Convicted.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 1.—Documentary evidence sufficient to convict those in custody on a charge of causing the bomb explosion ten days ago during the preparedness parade, when nine persons were killed and forty injured, is in the hands of the police to-day, according to District Attorney C. M. Fickler.

A raid last night by the police on the headquarters of the alleged leaders of the plot resulted in the confiscation of the private letters, files and other papers of Thomas Moore, an agitator suspected of being concerned in placing the bomb.

According to Mr. Fickler, the letters contain important evidence regarding the explosion, as well as information bearing on the wrecking of the Los Angeles Times Building, six years ago. One of the letters written by Moore just prior to the explosion, in a parade, he said, according to Fickler, "If I can pull off what I am planning I will be the biggest man in San Francisco labor circles."

### BALLOT VIRTUALLY UNANIMOUS FOR STRIKE

One-Fourth Vote of 400,000 Members of Railroad Brotherhoods Already Has Been Counted.

NEW YORK, August 1.—Ballots of one-fourth of the 400,000 members of four railroad brotherhoods who are voting on the question of calling a general strike on 225 railroads already have been canvassed, and they were received from Chicago and the Mississippi River are expected here no later than next Saturday. Timothy Shea, assistant president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, in charge of the staff of fifty men counting the ballots, said to-night it would take fully five days to count the votes from all territories.

When the votes are counted there will be a meeting here of the National Conference Committee of Railways and the result will be submitted by the brotherhoods. Negotiations will be conducted and a strike would be called only if they failed.

The railroad workers feel that their claims are just and righteous," Shea said. "The eight-hour day is the 'going day' for laboring people and as a penalty for working men overtime must pay time and a half overtime. Railway employees do not care to work overtime."

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